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May 2026

Pines & Needles

*Newsletter of the Monterey Peninsula
Quilters Guild*

MPQG.ORG

All-Star Sampler Platter

Our board has once again sponsored guild members' free access to the **All-Star Sampler Platter**, an online event featuring 18 talented quilters, each sharing a 15-minute lesson. The schedule is as follows:

- Saturday, May 16: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM (9 speakers)
- Sunday, May 17: 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM (9 speakers)

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See the lineup of speakers and topics here

(<https://www.globalquiltconnection.com/live-class/all-star-sampler-platter-may-2026/register>), but do not register: we will send the event link to you as we get closer to mid-May. If you can't attend live, don't worry—the recordings will be available for a few days after the event.

This is a fantastic opportunity to learn new skills and improve your quilting, all from the comfort of your home. Mark your calendars, and we'll send the event link as we get closer to the weekend!

Christi Sutphen and Sara Lyon

Calendar for May:

May 1 - 3: MPQG Quilt Show (no meeting this month)

May 16: May newsletter submissions due

May 16 - 17: All-Star Sampler Platter

May 18, 4:30pm: Board Meeting

President's Message





Quilt show, quilt show, quilt show!

A great deal is going on behind the scenes to prepare for the 46th annual Quilts by the Bay. The design is turned in, the program is being printed, frames are counted, and you are all rapidly finishing your quilts. Sometimes I think sharing beauty and joy is the most important thing to do right now and that is what our show is all about. Please read below for show information.

I'd like to steer your attention to another wonderful show that opens on May 1st. Our own Joy Colangelo (fabric artist) along with Cheryl Kampe (pastel), Susann Cate Lynn (oil), Marybeth Rinehart (paper collage) and Karen Owen (augmented reality) are each hanging a rendition inspired by the environmental work of six non-profit foundations in a group art show entitled "**As We See It.**" The show promotes environmental conservation and will hang at the **Pacific Grove Art Center May 1 through June 26, 2026**. The foundations that have signed on are Carmel Steelhead Trout Association, Big Sur Land Trust, Elkhorn Slough Foundation, Ventana, and Nancy's Project. All are near and dear to my heart, especially Nancy's Project, my mother's non-profit, still going strong. Representatives of the foundations will be present and you'll have an opportunity to donate to their causes.

See you at the show(s)!

Joan Costello

beachbreak1250@gmail.com

Quilt Show 2026

Monterey Peninsula Quilters Guild

Quilts by the Bay

May 1st - 3rd 2026

- \$10, under 18 free with adult
- Fri/Sat 10:00am - 5:00pm,
Sun 10:00am - 4:00pm
- Chautauqua Hall, 16th St & Central Ave
Pacific Grove, CA

200+ Quilts | Fabric Sale | Mini Quilts | Raffle

Details 

Or
www.mpgg.org

Our show advertisement is based on Linda Garofalo's prize-winning quilt *Hatching Loggerhead Sea Turtles*.

BRING your quilts to Chautauqua Hall on Thursday, April 30, between 7:30am and 9:30am. Judged quilts *MUST* arrive by 8:30am or they *WILL NOT* be judged.

All who entered a quilt have received a letter with instructions and a label. Be sure to sew the upper section titled "Quilt Label" to the back of your quilt

as directed. And don't forget the sleeve!
Instructions for making and sewing a sleeve to your quilt are included on the letter you received and on the MPQG website under the 'resources' tab.

VOLUNTEER at the QUILT SHOW

Calling all guild members: volunteer slots for the quilt show still need to be filled!! To sign up, look for the button under the 'Quilt Show' tab on our guild website, <https://www.mpqg.org/quiltshow>, or go directly to the signup app at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A094AA9A92BAAFD0-62375949-quilt>

Any questions or need assistance? Contact Alisa Boehme at 650-862-7892 or alisaboehme@hotmail.com

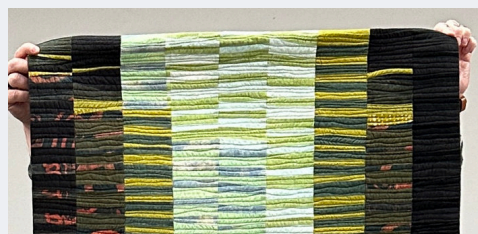
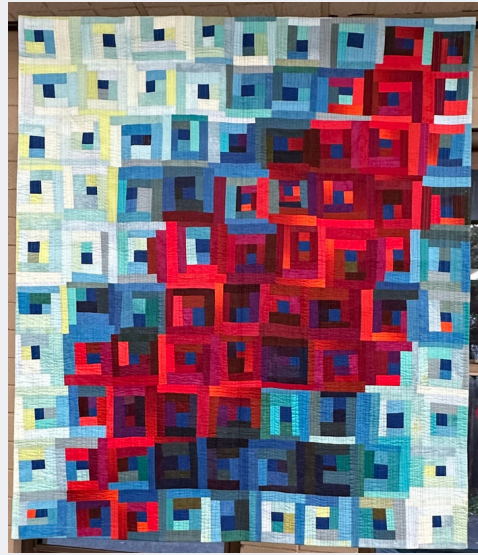
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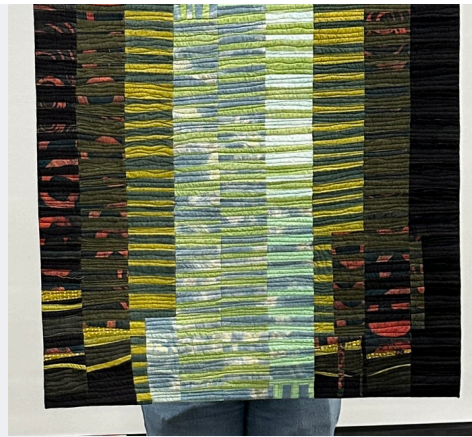
We changed the name! Our evening party has not been a reveal of the awards for some time, and this year it's been moved to Saturday evening. So... 'After Party!' For the first time in recent memory, the last session of Empty Spools overlaps with our quilt show and Saturday is their free night. We are inviting the Session 5 Empty Spools students to this party to see the show along with MPQG members, partners, and friends. **Saturday, May 2, 4:00-6:30pm \$10.00**
donation for those who are not already in the Hall. We will

donation for those who are not already in the Hall. We will not be reserving spots ahead of time. Wine and light snacks will be provided.

Joan Costello and Sara Lyon

Show and Tell





**Some of the many
amazing quilts presented
by our guest speaker,
Claudia Shearer**



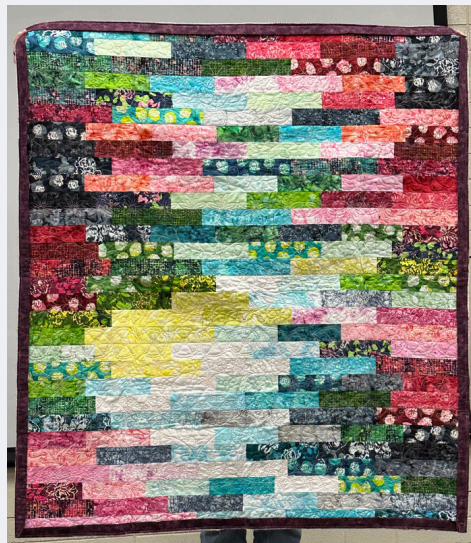
**Allison Bauer's quilt -
note the matching name
tag!**

**Work from the Lisa Ellis
Cathedral Windows
Workshop**



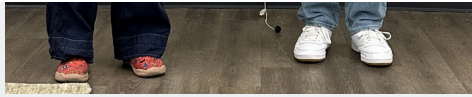


Kelly Monroe's quilts



Sally Miller's quilts





**Donna Appleget with a
community quilt by the
Material Girls**

**Bryndie Beach's quilt -
made from donated
blocks...If you donated
them, the mini quilt is for
you!**



Community Outreach

This month's Community Outreach event was truly remarkable! Joan contacted **All In Monterey**, a wonderful volunteer organization assisting peninsula residents. Through this collaboration, we facilitated a donation of over 50 quilts made by guild members to the victims of the Casanova apartments fire. Witnessing everyone select their quilt and the priceless smiles on their faces was an incredible experience. These individuals have been through a tremendous upheaval, and your quilts were truly appreciated.

We're taking a break - No Sewcial in May! We'll resume on June 18.

Pam Willoughby
Community Outreach



Christ Child Society Update

Thank you all (Zoe, Kathleen Heidrich and Anonymous) who dropped off quilts for the Christ Child Society, which does such a great job helping young moms. Their beautiful layettes find grateful homes through Natividad Hospital.

If you have quilts to donate to any of the Guild Community Outreach programs, Back Porch Fabrics will gladly pass them along to whichever program you designate. Just label the bag with the recipient's name.

Claudia Sammis
Christ Child Liaison





MPQG Activities

UFO Challenge

Our UFO Challenge participants have finished 83 projects since September 2025, and 13 were donated to Community Outreach. A few of you haven't finished any UFOs yet. There is still time! Please bring your finished projects (or photos of them) to the June meeting so you can earn tickets for the giveaway. The June meeting giveaway is a copy of the "Looking Up" quilt pattern from Australian quilt designer and quilt teacher Wendy Williams, plus a set of three zippered project bags.

Laura Lawrence won last month's prize: a \$25 gift certificate to *slowfiber* and a quilt pattern donated by Australian quilt designer and quilt teacher Wendy Williams. Congratulations, Laura!

June Mini Challenge for UFO Participants

Because we do not have a Guild meeting in May, you have an extra month to work on your Mini Challenge projects. For the June Mini Challenge, the random number is 11. To

participate in the Mini Challenge, finish project number 11 on your list(s) by the June 1, 2026 meeting and email a photograph of your finished project to Laura Lawrence before the meeting or bring it in person for Show and Tell. You will earn three bonus tickets for finishing.

500 Yard Destash

We have less than 60 yards to go to reach our goal of 500 yards by the August 3 Guild Meeting! Since September, we have destashed over 400 yards of fabric and batting!

For every yard of fabric and batting used from your stash for a project, donate a 2 ½ inch square of fabric—preferably fabric used in the project. These 2 ½ inch squares will be used to make Community Outreach Quilts. At the June meeting, we should have the second “Twirling at the Disco” quilt finished. See if you can spot your squares!

No sign up is required. Simply submit photos of your finished projects to Alisa

Boehme (alisaboehme@hotmail.com) or Karen Shaffer (karendshaffer@aol.com) and report on the total number of yards used from fabric and batting you already have on hand (rounded up to the nearest yard). Then, turn in a 2 ½ inch square of fabric for each yard of fabric and batting used. Give your squares to Karen Shaffer at the monthly Sewcials or mail them to: MPQG, Attn: Destash, PO Box 1025, Pacific Grove, CA 93950.

If you have any questions or need help calculating yardage, please contact Alisa Boehme at 650-862-7892 (text/voice) or alisaboehme@hotmail.com.

Happy Sewing!

Laura Lawrence
Activities Coordinator
lauramlawrence@gmail.com

Upcoming MPQG Programs and Workshops



In-Person Workshop
June 6, 2026
9:00am - 3:30pm

Seminole Patchwork with Kristin Echols

Learn to piece Seminole bands. This 6-hour technique class teaches students to piece up to six different Seminole designs. The finished bands can be added to quilts, clothing or home decor.

\$60 for members
Oldemeyer Center - 986 Hilby
- Seaside

[Register for Workshop](#)



In-Person Workshop
July 18, 2026



July 18, 2026

9:00am - 3:30pm

***Stunning Improv
Sunburst with Michelle
Trimble***

Working with improv can be wonderfully freeing, yet the outcome can seem overwhelming to the senses. Choosing constraints at the outset of an improv project can lower the decision-making burden that can seem paralyzing, and ensure your composition finishes with dramatic flair. In this class, you will explore several variations of improv triangles, and experiment with variables that will alter the look of each variation. You will then incorporate these blocks into a large wedge layout to make a 24" square quilt top that can be finished as a wall hanging or a throw pillow cover.
NOTE: this is an INTERMEDIATE class.

\$60 for members
Oldemeyer Center - 986 Hilby
- Seaside

[Register for Workshop](#)



In-Person Workshop

September 12, 2026

9:00am - 3:30pm

***Bargello Star with Jeff
Warner***

This Kaleidoscope Bargello



This Telescope Bargello block is made of six identical panels of bargello piecing that create the dynamic 18" star pattern. It uses five background fabrics and four star fabrics. (A set of nine fat quarters will make two complete blocks.) Participants will have a few hours of homework prior to the workshop to create the strip panels. Most people can finish the block during the workshop time. Skill building with assembly-line piecing and Y seams. Learn an easy technique with your Stripology XL Ruler to cut strips with a 1/4" or 3/4" in the measurement. No one else teaches this! And learn how Fray Check can be used in quilting.

\$60 for members

Oldemeyer Center - 986 Hilby
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Looking for a YEA!

Do you know a **Young Emerging Artist** or YEA? **Back Porch Fabrics** is joining **Katie Pasquini, Lisa Ellis**, and others as sponsors for a special juried exhibition to debut at the **International Quilt Festival in Houston 2026**. We are seeking quilt and textile artists (2D, 3D, and wearable artwork) born after November 15, 1991 (35 or younger as of November 15, 2026).

Back Porch Fabrics is offering a \$500 cash prize for *Excellence in Surface Design*. For more information and to enter, go to: <https://yeaexhibit.com>. Deadline for entries is June 30, 2026.

If you have a younger friend, please direct them to the website above and encourage them to enter a special piece. Perhaps a bit of hand-holding from you would further encourage them. We want to get the word out — please help us. Back Porch Fabrics has a zillion postcards, and you can leave one with a contact at schools, colleges, museums, or wherever young people/textile artists gather.

Call for Entry: Seeking Textile Artists 35 and Younger

Curators: Katie Pasquini and Lisa Ellis



Multiple Cash Awards and Prizes

Juried Art Exhibit Debuts:
International Quilt Festival
Houston
November 2026

Sponsors:



SURFACE DESIGN
ASSOCIATION



Apply Now: yeaexhibit.com



The 2026 Quilt Challenge

MPQG 2026 Quilt Challenge

Harbinger of Peace:

Angels, doves, olive branches or anything that brings you joy



Size: 15" by 20" (portrait or landscape)

- Quilts must have: 3 layers and a 4" sleeve
- Due date: August 3, 2026 Guild Meeting

Your Challenge Team:

Carole Olsen caroleolesen@gmail.com

Karen Shaffer karendshaffer@aol.com

Label to include:

Quilts will be displayed at the August 2026 meeting. They will also be on

- Your name
- Name of your Quilt
- 2026 MPQG Quilt Challenge

These meetings they will also be on display at the 2026 Monterey County Fair and at the 2027 MPQG Quilt Show, where they may be judged if you so choose.

Quilts may be inspired by: *folk art, Americana design, spiritual spark, whimsy, celestial, musical, traditional or modern design.*

Upcoming Quilt Events

Now - May 11, 2026 — *The Woven Pixel*, San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles, 520 S First Street, San Jose CA 95113, 408-384-8382. <https://sj-mqt.org/on-view>.

Now - May 3, 2026 — *Embroidered Histories*, de Young Museum, Golden Gate Park, 50 Hagiwara Tea Garden Dr, San Francisco CA 94118. www.Famsf.org.

April 23, 2026, 4 PM — Empty Spools Seminars Session III, *Open House*, at Asilomar. Pick up a classroom map at Merrill Hall.

April 25, 2026, 12 PM - 2 PM — Cornhusker Flower Arrangements with Angela Zamora. San Jose Museum of Quilts & Textiles, 520 S First Street, San Jose CA 95113, 408-384-8382. To register: <https://sj-mqt.org/upcoming-exhibitions>

April 25 & 26, 2026 — Quilt Show: Amador Valley Quilters, Trinity Church Gymnasium, 557 Olivina Avenue, Livermore CA. <https://www.amadorvalleyquilters.org/Wordpress/2026-quilt-show/>

April 25 & 26, 2026 — Quilt Show: Pine Tree Quilt Guild. Nevada

County Fairgrounds, 11228 McCourtney Rd, Grass Valley CA 95949.

Looking Ahead

April 28 and May 3, 2026, 4 PM — Empty Spools Seminars Session IV and Session V, *Open House*, at Asilomar. Pick up a classroom map at Merrill Hall

Upcoming exhibits at **Visions Museum of Textile Arts**, 2825 Dewey Road, Ste 100, San Diego CA 92106, <https://Vmota.org>.

Now - June 20, 2026 — Exhibits by Vanessa Freitag, ***Cyanotype*** by artists group, and ***San Diego Textile Scene*** by artists group

April 1 - May 9, 2026 — Exhibit by Bibiana Badia

Call for Entries — **YEA! (Young Emerging Artists)**. Open to artists born after November 15, 1991. Multiple Cash Awards. For details: yeaexhibit.com. **Deadline to Enter**: June 30, 2026. Exhibit debuts at **International Quilt Festival**, Houston, November 2026.

MPQG Friendship Groups

Friendship Groups are small groups of quilters who meet regularly to enjoy quilting, chatting, and sharing in a small group setting.

Are you interested in being part of a small group? Check the roster below for an opportunity that fits your schedule. In-person and Zoom Friendship Groups listed are open to all members.

For information about joining a specific group, please contact the member listed below. For general information regarding Friendship Groups or for help starting a group, please contact *Marjorie Longo*, 831-624-8649 or frummll@gmail.com.

Carmel Valley – Cut-Ups

Meets the 1st Thursday
12:00-4:00pm, St. Dunstan's
Church
Liz Rondelle, 831-620-2512,
bukavugirl@aol.com All levels
meet to sew, share, mini
demos, group challenges, and
charity quilts. Large work
tables available. Bring your
lunch at noon or drop in
anytime.

**Everywhere – Beyond
Borders**

Meets the 2nd Tuesday
1:00pm Pacific Time on Zoom
Dru Hammond, 831-241-1411
druhammond@aol.com All
levels from near and far meet
to sew, share, and visit with old
and new friends on ZOOM.

**Pacific Grove – Gather
Before Guild**

Meets before all in-person
Guild Meetings. 5:00 - 6:30pm
at Allioti's Victorian Corner
Restaurant, 541 Lighthouse
Avenue, Pacific Grove. All are
welcome to chat and dine. Just
drop in!

Seaside - Sewcial

Meets the 3rd Thursday
(except May)

**Carmel – Out of the Box
Quilters**

Meets the 2nd & 4th
Thursdays
1:00-4:00pm
Marjorie Longo's house, 831-
624-8649 frummil@gmail.com
All levels meet to sew, discuss,
and create.

Marina – Otter Be Quilting

Meets the 2nd and 4th
Thursdays 1:00 - 4:00pm
Layne Rahbar's house, 925-
478-9221
layne.rahbar@gmail.com
All levels welcome for
discussion and hand work.

**Seaside – Hanging Out at
Joan's**

Meets the 3rd Tuesday
3:30 pm at Joan Costello's
house 831-247-1907
beachbreak1250@gmail.com
Gather to chat, share our work,
collaborate, and eat plant-
based dinners.



10:00am - 2:00pm, Oldemeyer
Center
Pam Willoughby, 831-277-
5906

[pamelaswilloughby@gmail.co
m](mailto:pamelaswilloughby@gmail.com)

All levels, drop in anytime to
join the fun. Help organize and
finish community quilts or work
on your own project. Fabric,
cutting boards and irons are
set up for you. Bring your
lunch and sewing machine
(optional).



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Your Board is here to serve you, and we cherish your input. If you

have any suggestions, comments, or interest in volunteering, please contact the appropriate board member. Board meetings, held on the 4th Monday, are open to all members. Please contact [Toni David](#) if you want the Zoom link.

Newsletter Information

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- Send submissions by email to: Martha Price (pricemartha49@gmail.com)

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Scam Alert!

Scam Alert from San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles

A scam is circulating in which victims receive a phone text, allegedly from Museum staff, asking for money in the form of gift cards.

Please know that the museum would never make such a request of any member of their community. If you encounter a message and you're not sure if it was sent by SJ-MQT, you can confirm by emailing: development@sj-mqt.org.

Musings About Wait Staff and Shop Girls

When a shop or restaurant staff is serving you, do you ever wonder what they did in their previous life? Did they even have a previous life? Did they retire, or did their jobs go away due to corporate raiders, tariffs, or AI? In recent weeks, I've spoken with people who've "lost" their jobs in unrelated industries. Even our sales reps lose one of the fabric manufacturers they represent. But before long, another of our reps is selling that fabric line.

Which brings me back to previous work lives...what a **great staff** we have at Back Porch Fabrics. They are so self-

sufficient and talented. Ask them anything and they know how to do it, or find it, or calculate it. All of them are retired from busy business, military, education, or medical careers. The one exception is **Isabella**, our youngest team member who is a student at MPC and just beginning her journey in the fiber arts world.

A couple of months ago, **Jeanne M.** retired...again. She had been with Gail since the shop's beginning some 30 years ago. Jeanne is still busy making charity quilts for MPQG... and using up her sizable stash of beautiful French fabrics.

Most recently, **Rita J.** retired from Back Porch Fabrics. She has had other careers and this was just the latest of her retirements. Rita says she'll keep busy making shop samples, particularly machine embroidery pieces to show off our new Janome embroidery machines. Congratulations to you both, Rita and Jeanne. Send pictures from your travels!

Who is the longest serving "shop girl"? **Janet T.** is celebrating 23 years. Come in and chat her up to learn about her previous life in the corporate world. **Diane CG** is right up there in terms of seniority, too. These days, Diane's assignment is to shuttle **Empty Spools** participants to and from the shop.

Do you need someone to help you with your **cosplay** costume, give guidance with your **robotics** project, take out your **appendix**, stretch your dollars with a **budget**, or teach you **windsurfing**? Pop by and meet our talented staff.

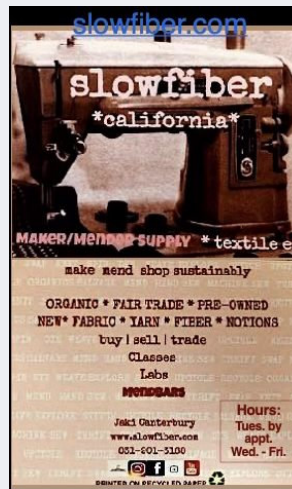
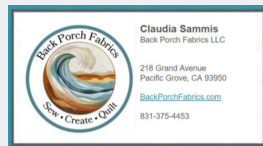
Happy Stitching,

Claudia Sammis and Friends



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